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Keep name confidential

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Yes

I confirm that I have read the declaration:

Yes

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Additional comments:

Question 1: Do you agree that copy management would broaden the range of HD content available on DTT and help secure its long term viability as a platform? :

Whilst there is the potential to increase the range of content, as content providers are currently intensely resistant to allowing continued freedoms with regards to copyright, I am not convinced that this attitude will persist if presented with public opposition. Therefore I am not convinced that, in the long term, it will improve the platform's viability.

Question 2: Do you agree that the BBC's proposed multiplex licence amendment represents the most appropriate means for securing an effective content management system on HD DTT? :

If "content management system" - as the consultation appears to suggest - means "digital rights management system" then perhaps. Whilst there are various alternative DRM systems that could be proposed I am of the opinion that none is significantly better for me as a consumer than any other.

Question 3: Do you agree with the proposed change to Condition 6 in the Multiplex B Licence? :

No I most certainly do not. I do not believe that DRM should be enforced on the viewing public (and the manufacturers of content receivers thus).

Question 4: Do you agree that Multiplexes C and D should be granted a similar amendment to their Licences as Multiplex B?. :

No I do not, as I do not believe the amendment should be made to the Multiplex B Licence.

Question 5: Do you agree that the BBC's proposed approach for implementing content management would safeguard citizens and consumers legitimate use of HD content, and if not, what additional guarantees would be appropriate? :

As I often view content on a different device to which it was recorded, and the proposal outlined by the BBC would prevent this, I am opposed to the DRM outright. In fact it is hard to think of a form of DRM in this regard that would be acceptable to me, as that would appear to be the fundamental point of the proposal in this regard.

Question 6: Do you agree that the BBC's proposed choice of content management technologies will have only a negligible impact on the cost of HD DTT receivers and their interoperability with other HD consumer equipment? . :

Assuming the cost shown in the consultation document to be correct, yes.

Question 7: Do stakeholders agree that the BBC's proposed Huffman Code licensing arrangements would have a negligible effect on the market for HD DTT receivers? :

I am not a stakeholder.

Question 8: Do the BBC's proposed content management states and their permitted use for different categories of HD content meet the requirements of other HD broadcasters on DTT? . :

As I am not affiliated with an HD broadcaster I cannot say.

Question 9: Are there any issues that you consider Ofcom should take into account in assessing the BBC's proposal, that have not been addressed by this consultation?:

The proposal appears to only consider the current position vis-a-vis content providers desiring DRM technology. It is my concern that this is not necessarily in the best interests of consumers, and that a continued adoption of DRM technologies could significantly delay (or possibly even prevent) an alteration of the business position to one that would be more considerate of consumer desires.